

## Longtime pharmacist retires

**T**he pharmacist at Rite Aid Pharmacy, Carl Leighton, is retiring. He has been Duxbury's pharmacist since 1965. Graduating from Mass. College of Pharmacy in 1960, he opened his own store seven years later at the age of 27. In the heart of Duxbury's Hall's Corner, South Duxbury Pharmacy became Carl's passion. He would work all day until closing the store, then delivered prescriptions to patients who couldn't drive. He would take emergency calls at all hours of the night, leaving his wife Dianne and two children, Tracy and Todd, to help in an emergency. His daughter Tracy recalled the time he got stuck in the snow on Christmas Eve making his deliveries.



Carl prides himself on not just being a conscientious pharmacist but a great friend. Once a week, he would find time to drive to Hanson to help a disabled friend in need. In 1986, he sold the store to Brooks. The store was moved into what is now Foodie's Plaza. Carl became the pharmacy manager, now able to spend more time with his family.

He never truly wants to retire because so many have come to depend on his guidance, therefore Carl is cutting back to two days a month. "He is the rock that keeps us above the water as the tide creeps in," said a loyal, longtime employee.